

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80167

Toshinori TANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/790,123

Group Art Unit: 3746

Confirmation No.: 1137

Examiner: Jessica L FRANTZ

Filed: March 2, 2004

For: ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on January 11, 2008:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the PTO Communication dated January 14, 2008.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: none
2. Identification of claims discussed: All
3. Identification of art discussed: Duff, Hamasaki, Carey, Cametti and Sugino
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None.
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Applicant disagreed with Examiner's motivation to combine the various references. Applicant inquired about the number of

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references applied to the claims and also the reason to combine the Hamasaki reference to the Duff reference.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None.
7. Results of Interview: Agreement was not reached. The Examiner asserted that the bracket disclosed in Hamasaki is substantially the same as a housing. The Examiner further asserted that any structural element that contains or supports another element can be construed as either a housing or a bracket. The Examiner also asserted that having the motor positioned on the other side of the control unit from the pump constituted no more than a rearrangement of parts, and therefore was allegedly obvious. The Examiner stated that any argument based on the relative locations of the pump and the motor was probably going to fail. The Examiner asserted that the combination of Duff and Hamasaki teaches substantially all of the claim features, stating that the primary motivation for combining the Duff and Hamasaki references was to simplify the assembly. The other three references were allegedly cited to teach the few remaining details of the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

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It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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